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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (fees effective on or after October 1, 2004)		Docket Number (Optional) 322732000401
Application Number 10/028,172	Filed December 21, 2001	

For **DIAGNOSTIC REAGENT FOR HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION**

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450.00	\$225.00	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1,020.00	\$510.00	\$ 900.00
<i>*One month previously paid on October 15, 2004: \$1,020.00 - \$120.00 = \$900.00.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,590.00	\$795.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00	\$

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-1952. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

- I am the applicant/inventor.
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 46,332
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of 1 forms are submitted.